

Powder River Basin Oil and Gas EIS Outline of Treatment Plan for Cultural Resources

This outlines basic standards and procedures to expedite planning and permitting. Justifications, standards and procedures are discussed in greater detail in the Plan for Cultural Resources.

- Inventory and Evaluation Standards
- Findings of Effect
- Management of Historic Properties
- Monitoring
- Employee and Contractor Involvement
- Unanticipated Discoveries and Human Remains
- Curation
- Dispute Resolution
- Amendments

Plan for Cultural Resources

- Goal and Objectives

Brief discussion of statutes and regulations requiring management of historic properties, management goals and objectives, and implementation of objectives

- ♦ Authority
- ♦ Goals
- ♦ Objectives
- ♦ Implementation

- Inventory and Planning

A discussion of how identification of cultural resources fits into the planning process and basic standards for the Project Area.

- ♦ Defining the APE
- ♦ Authority
- ♦ Levels of Inventory
- ♦ Reporting
- ♦ Integration with Planning

- Property Types

Known and anticipated prehistoric and historic resource types in the Project Area

- ♦ Prehistoric
- ♦ Historic

- Evaluation

Clarification of the need for evaluation and general criteria for the identified property types.

- ♦ Planning Requirements
- ♦ Criteria for Evaluation

- Native American Consultation

The status of consultation in the Project Area at the time of the EIS and a discussion of procedures and protocols for the consideration of Native American concerns that may affect planning

- Management of Historic Properties

Discussion of anticipated and typical management strategies for various property types

- ♦ Common Situations
- ♦ Types of Effects
- ♦ Access Regulation
- ♦ Avoidance and Protection
- ♦ Visual, Auditory, and Atmospheric Effects
- ♦ Stability and Erosion
- ♦ Landscape Management
- ♦ Minimizing Adverse Effects
- ♦ Mitigation

- Monitoring

Rationale and guidelines for monitoring compliance with stipulations and mitigation measures, and for assessing the effectiveness of those stipulations and mitigation measures

- ♦ Purpose and Need
- ♦ Monitoring Compliance
- ♦ Monitoring Effectiveness
- ♦ Monitoring Operations

- Discoveries and Inadvertent Effects

Standard stipulations and procedures for unanticipated discoveries, including human remains, and inadvertent impacts to known historic properties.

- Historic Contexts

Brief discussions of the historic contexts within which historic properties are evaluated

- ♦ Prehistoric Periods
 - Paleoindian
 - Early Archaic
 - Middle Archaic
 - Late Prehistoric
 - Protohistoric
- ♦ Historic Themes
 - Exploration and Fur Trade
 - Emigration
 - Military
 - Ranching, Farming, and Homesteading
 - Mining
 - Railroads